



U.S. SENATOR BEN CARDIN'S

# **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT GUIDE TO**

# THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

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# THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

This guide provides an overview of funding available to state and local governments under the recently enacted American Rescue Plan Act. Where available, estimated or actual state and county level allocations of funding are provided.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The funding allocations listed below include initial estimates from federal agencies and the Congressional Research Service. The actual amounts awarded to Maryland local governments may vary slightly depending on final agency interpretation and guidance.

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# CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS: MARYLAND ALLOCATION ESTIMATES

Under the **\$360 billion Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**, every level of government will receive funding, regardless of size. Funds can be utilized by state, county, and municipal governments to respond to and prepare for COVID-19 activities, as well as the replacement of revenues lost as a result of COVID-19. All funds must be expended by December 31, 2024. The \$10 billion Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund will provide states with funding to carry out capital projects enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including telehealth options, in response to COVID-19.

**Overall, Maryland would receive an estimated \$6.355 billion under the three funds.** The State would receive \$4.038 billion total, with \$3.869 billion under the State Fiscal Recovery Fund and \$169 million under the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund. **Maryland local governments would receive \$2.317 billion total**, with \$1.728 billion for Maryland counties (including Baltimore City) and \$589 million for Maryland municipalities (excluding Baltimore City).

Since Baltimore City is a municipality and treated as a county level government by the State of Maryland, the City is uniquely able to receive funding under the set asides for both counties and cities. Due to the Baltimore's size as the 30th most populous city in the United States and significant low-income population eligible for CDBG funding, they will receive a total of \$670 million. Their municipal allocation is \$555 million, their county allocation is \$115 million.

## **Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund - \$219.8 billion nationwide**

- \$195.3 billion awarded to states within 60 days after enactment
- Funding is distributed under a formula that accounts for population and share of unemployed workers
- The Secretary may, but is not required to, split the state allocation into two payments
  - ***Under this fund, the State of Maryland would receive \$3.869 billion in total***

## **Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund - \$130.2 billion nationwide**

- \$65.1 billion for counties, **the first half of award to come directly from Treasury** within 60 days after enactment
  - Funding is distributed on a population basis
  - Treasury will issue two tranches of funds, with 50 percent of allocation available within 60 days and the second tranche available one year after the first tranche is paid
    - **Under this fund, Maryland counties would receive \$1.728 billion (including Baltimore City)**
- \$65.1 billion for municipalities
  - \$45.57 billion for metropolitan cities that are entitlement communities under CDBG
    - **Annapolis, Baltimore, Bowie, Cumberland, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Hagerstown, and Salisbury**
    - Funds are distributed on a modified CDBG formula on a population and concentration of poverty
    - **First half of award to come directly from Treasury** within 60 days after enactment
  - \$19.53 billion for nonentitlement municipalities
    - **This provides funding for Maryland's remaining 149 municipalities**
    - Funds are distributed on a population basis
    - Treasury has 60 days to award funding for the **State to distribute to nonentitlement communities as a pass-through**. Upon receipt, the State must distribute funds within 30 days
  - All municipality funds are issued in two tranches, with 50 percent of allocation available within 60 days and the second tranche available one year after the first tranche is paid
    - **Under this fund, Maryland municipalities would receive \$589 million (excluding Baltimore City)**

**Allowable uses of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

- Respond to or mitigate the COVID-19 health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, nonprofits, and aid for tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- To provide essential workers with premium pay;
- Cover revenue loss as a result incurred as a result of the COVID-19 emergency; or
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure

**Prohibited uses of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

- Funds may not be used to support any pension fund or offset a tax cut
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## County and Municipal Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund estimates per county

Below are the estimates for the Senate passed version of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund as prepared by the Congressional Research Service. **These are intended to be estimates for planning purposes and actual amounts awarded may vary depending on final calculations by the Department of the Treasury.**

Eight county governments, Allegany, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Talbot, and Worcester counties, received less than the cumulative total of their municipalities. This is due to the county formula taking into account the municipality share of population, more residents reside within municipalities than unincorporated places within a county.

County Estimates for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	County Allocation	Municipal Allocations	Combined Allocations
<b><i>Local estimates for Counties</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,172,522,407</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,151,571,870</i></b>	<b><i>\$2,324,094,277</i></b>
Allegany County	\$13,656,750	\$30,406,100	\$44,062,850
Anne Arundel County	\$112,338,867	\$6,730,018	\$119,068,885
Baltimore City	\$115,103,731	\$555,169,554	\$670,273,285
Baltimore County	\$160,463,317	\$0	\$160,463,317
Calvert County	\$17,944,654	\$6,744,047	\$24,688,701
Caroline County	\$6,478,888	\$10,192,543	\$16,671,431
Carroll County	\$32,669,258	\$43,867,649	\$76,536,907
Cecil County	\$19,948,094	\$24,893,381	\$44,841,475
Charles County	\$31,662,690	\$10,386,451	\$42,049,141
Dorchester County	\$6,192,433	\$13,201,413	\$19,393,846
Frederick County	\$50,337,542	\$45,068,339	\$95,405,881
Garrett County	\$5,627,087	\$5,638,283	\$11,265,370
Harford County	\$49,541,209	\$33,562,272	\$83,103,481
Howard County	\$63,165,570	\$0	\$63,165,570
Kent County	\$3,766,777	\$6,541,781	\$10,308,558
Montgomery County	\$203,774,467	\$100,144,497	\$303,918,964
Prince George's County	\$176,358,372	\$160,941,064	\$337,299,436
Queen Anne's County	\$9,771,085	\$6,559,333	\$16,330,418
St. Mary's County	\$22,014,566	\$3,196,088	\$25,210,654
Somerset County	\$4,968,065	\$5,079,139	\$10,047,204
Talbot County	\$7,211,026	\$16,323,118	\$23,534,144
Washington County	\$29,295,023	\$31,193,279	\$60,488,302
Wicomico County	\$20,094,328	\$20,732,634	\$40,826,962
Worcester County	\$10,138,608	\$15,000,887	\$25,139,495

## ***Allegany County***

Allegany County Government: \$13,656,750

Barton: \$353,542

Cumberland: \$20,180,124

Frostburg: \$7,108,455

Lonaconing: \$925,227

Luke: \$50,147

Midland: \$346,020

Westernport: \$1,442,585

**County government allocation: \$13,656,750**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$30,406,100**

**Total Allegany County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$44,062,850**

## ***Anne Arundel County***

Anne Arundel County Government: \$112,338,867

Annapolis: \$6,638,081

Highland Beach: \$91,937

**County government allocation: \$112,338,867**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$6,730,018**

**Total Anne Arundel County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation:  
\$119,068,885**

## ***Baltimore City***

Baltimore City County Government: \$115,103,731

Baltimore City (Municipality): \$555,169,554

**County government allocation: \$115,103,731**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$555,169,554**

**Total Baltimore City Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$670,273,285**

## **Baltimore County**

Baltimore County Government: \$160,463,317

County government allocation: \$160,463,317

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$0**

**Total Baltimore County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$160,463,317**

## **Calvert County**

Calvert County Government: \$17,944,654

Chesapeake Beach: \$5,039,857

North Beach: \$1,704,190

**County government allocation: \$17,944,654**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$6,744,047**

**Total Calvert County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$24,688,701**

## **Caroline County**

Caroline County Government: \$6,478,888

Denton: \$3,771,117

Federalsburg: \$2,224,056

Goldsboro: \$192,233

Greensboro: \$1,568,791

Henderson: \$119,519

Hillsboro: \$130,384

Marydel: \$116,175

Preston: \$587,565

Ridgely: \$1,384,915

Templeville: \$97,788

**County government allocation: \$6,478,888**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$10,192,543**

**Total Caroline County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$16,671,431**

## **Carroll County**

Carroll County Government: \$32,669,258

Hampstead: \$5,349,937

Manchester: \$4,054,452

Mount Airy: \$7,904,970

New Windsor: \$1,168,444

Sykesville: \$3,308,085

Taneytown: \$5,697,629

Union Bridge: \$804,872

Westminster: \$15,579,260

**County government allocation: \$32,669,258**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$43,867,649**

**Total Carroll County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$76,536,907**

## **Cecil County**

Cecil County Government: \$19,948,094

Cecilton: \$559,984

Charlestown: \$999,613

Chesapeake City: \$577,535

Elkton: \$13,056,824

North East: \$3,043,973

Perryville: \$3,693,387

Port Deposit: \$637,713

Rising Sun: \$2,324,352

**County government allocation: \$19,948,094**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$24,893,381**

**Total Cecil County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$44,841,475**

## **Charles County**

Charles County Government: \$31,662,690

Indian Head: \$2,324,352

La Plata: \$8,049,563

Port Tobacco Village: \$12,536

**County government allocation: \$31,662,690**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$10,386,451**

**Total Charles County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$42,049,141**

## **Dorchester County**

Dorchester County Government: \$6,192,433

Brookview: \$48,476

Cambridge: \$10,246,873

Church Creek: \$101,131

East New Market: \$315,095

Eldorado: \$47,640

Galestown: \$111,161

Hurlock: \$1,691,653

Secretary: \$417,898

Vienna: \$221,486

**County government allocation: \$6,192,433**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$13,201,413**

**Total Dorchester County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$19,393,846**

## **Frederick County**

Frederick County Government: \$50,337,542

Brunswick: \$5,425,159

Burkittsville: \$137,906

Emmitsburg: \$2,672,879

Frederick: \$10,315,060

Middletown: \$4,005,140

Mount Airy: \$7,904,970

Myersville: \$1,536,195

New Market: \$616,818

Rosemont: \$269,126

Thurmont: \$5,762,821

Walkersville: \$5,361,639

Woodsboro: \$1,060,626

**County government allocation: \$50,337,542**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$45,068,339**

**Total Frederick County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$95,405,881**

## Garrett County

Garrett County Government: \$5,627,087

Accident: \$260,768

Deer Park: \$307,573

Friendsville: \$400,346

Grantsville: \$722,964

Kitzmiller: \$253,246

Loch Lynn Heights: \$442,972

Mountain Lake Park: \$1,733,443

Oakland: \$1,516,971

**County government allocation: \$5,627,087**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$5,638,283**

**Total Garrett County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$11,265,370**

## Harford County

Harford County Government: \$49,541,209

Aberdeen: \$13,388,635

Bel Air: \$8,457,432

Havre de Grace: \$11,716,205

**County government allocation: \$49,541,209**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$33,562,272**

**Total Harford County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$83,103,481**

## Howard County

Howard County Government: \$63,165,570

**County government allocation: \$63,165,570**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$0**

**Total Howard County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$63,165,570**

## Kent County

Kent County Government: \$3,766,777

Betterton: \$264,111

Chestertown: \$4,221,611

Galenda: \$486,433

Millington: \$504,821

Rock Hall: \$1,064,805

**County government allocation: \$3,766,777**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$6,541,781**

**Total Kent County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$10,308,558**

## Montgomery County

Montgomery County Government: \$203,774,467

Barnesville: \$149,607

Brookeville: \$120,354

Chevy Chase: \$2,494,018

Chevy Chase Section Three: \$663,622

Chevy Chase Section Five: \$586,729

Chevy Chase View: \$819,081

Chevy Chase Village: \$1,718,399

Gaithersburg: \$11,267,503

Garrett Park: \$876,751

Glen Echo: \$225,665

Kensington: \$1,946,571

Laytonsville: \$318,438

Martin's Additions: \$829,946

North Chevy Chase: \$497,299

Poolesville: \$4,382,920

Rockville: \$56,900,238

Somerset: \$1,063,969

Takoma Park: \$14,814,505

Washington Grove: \$468,882

**County government allocation: \$203,774,467**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$100,144,497**

**Total Montgomery County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$303,918,964**

## Prince George's County

Prince George's County Government: \$176,358,372

Berwyn Heights: \$2,720,519

Bladensburg: \$7,863,180

Bowie: \$4,952,062

Brentwood: \$2,901,052

Capitol Heights: \$3,772,788

Cheverly: \$5,372,504

College Park: \$26,881,745

Colmar Manor: \$1,215,249

Cottage City: \$1,133,341

District Heights: \$5,001,410

Eagle Harbor: \$57,670

Edmonston: \$1,245,337

Fairmount Heights: \$1,272,083

Forest Heights: \$2,142,984

Glenarden: \$5,134,302

Greenbelt: \$19,410,554

Hyattsville: \$15,236,583

Landover Hills: \$1,367,364

Laurel: \$21,422,318

Morningside: \$1,068,984

Mount Rainier: \$6,764,106

New Carrollton: \$10,805,186

North Brentwood: \$460,524

Riverdale Park: \$6,017,739

Seat Pleasant: \$3,960,007

University Park: \$2,198,982

Upper Marlboro: \$562,491

**County government allocation: \$176,358,372**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$160,941,064**

**Total Prince George's County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation:  
\$337,299,436**

## Queen Anne's County

Queen Anne's County Government: \$9,771,085

Barclay: \$137,906

Centreville: \$4,132,181

Church Hill: \$629,355

Millington: \$504,821

Queen Anne: \$178,024

Queenstown: \$580,879

Sudlersville: \$396,167

**County government allocation: \$9,771,085**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$6,559,333**

**Total Queen Anne's County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation:  
\$16,330,418**

## St. Mary's County

St. Mary's County Government: \$22,014,566

Leonardtown: \$3,196,088

**County government allocation: \$22,014,566**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$3,196,088**

**Total St. Mary's County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$25,210,654**

## Somerset County

Somerset County Government: \$4,968,065

Crisfield: \$2,142,984

Princess Anne: \$2,936,155

**County government allocation: \$4,968,065**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$5,079,139**

**Total Somerset County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$10,047,204**

## **Talbot County**

Talbot County Government: \$7,211,026

Easton: \$13,933,575

Oxford: \$506,493

Queen Anne: \$178,024

St. Michaels: \$869,229

Trappe: \$835,797

**County government allocation: \$7,211,026**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$16,323,118**

**Total Talbot County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$23,534,144**

## **Washington County**

Washington County Government: \$29,295,023

Boonsboro: \$3,054,838

Clear Spring: \$302,558

Funkstown: \$727,979

Hagerstown: \$20,037,063

Hancock: \$1,277,933

Keedysville: \$1,020,508

Sharpsburg: \$540,760

Smithsburg: \$2,485,660

Williamsport: \$1,745,980

**County government allocation: \$29,295,023**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$31,193,279**

**Total Washington County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation:  
\$60,488,302**

## ***Wicomico County***

Wicomico County Government: \$20,094,328

Delmar: \$2,803,263

Fruitland: \$4,437,247

Hebron: \$916,033

Mardela Springs: \$293,364

Pittsville: \$1,231,965

Salisbury: \$9,657,489

Sharptown: \$549,954

Willards: \$843,319

**County government allocation: \$20,094,328**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$20,732,634**

**Total Wicomico County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$40,826,962**

## ***Worcester County***

Worcester County Government: \$10,138,608

Berlin: \$4,066,989

Ocean City: \$5,803,775

Pocomoke City: \$3,416,739

Snow Hill: \$1,713,384

**County government allocation: \$10,138,608**

**Combined total allocation for municipalities: \$15,000,887**

**Total Worcester County Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation: \$25,139,495**

# VACCINE DEPLOYMENT, TESTING, AND HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE

The American Rescue Plan provides funding to address our public health crisis, including funding for enhanced vaccine distribution to get shots into the arms of Americans, as well as resources to continue testing and mitigation programs that can stop the spread of this deadly disease. The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clearer than ever that we must address racial and ethnic disparities in health care and promote health equity. Funding under this bill is provided to provide investments in public health in underserved communities and communities of color. Recognizing the cumulative effects of the nearly yearlong pandemic, resources are made to support mental health and addiction programs for individuals in need.

## Vaccine Distribution and COVID Testing Funds

- \$49.55 billion for testing, genomic sequencing of variants, and contact tracing efforts, as well as manufacturing and procurement of PPE
  - **These funds will be awarded to state and local health departments**, allocations for the Maryland Department of Health and county health departments are not yet available.
- \$15.05 billion for improving vaccine administration and distribution
  - Allowable uses of funds include:
    - Distribution and administration of vaccines
    - Establishment and expansion of community health centers, particularly in underserved areas
    - Deployment of mobile vaccination units, particularly in underserved areas
    - IT infrastructure to support better data management,
    - Facilities improvement
    - Communication with the public to encourage vaccine adoption
    - Transportation of individuals to facilities, especially for underserved populations.
  - These funds must be awarded within 21 days of enactment, **funding will go to both state and local health departments**. Allocations for the Maryland Department of Health and county health departments are not yet available.

## ***Vaccine Distribution and COVID Testing Funds (Cont.)***

- \$7.6 billion for public health workforce development
  - This is intended to establish, expand, and sustain a public health workforce by funding state and local public health departments.
  - Allowable uses of funds include:
    - Wages and benefits to hire and retain individuals that;
      - Serve as case investigators, contact tracers, social support specialists, community health workers, public health nurses, laboratory personnel, communication and policy experts, etc.
    - Personal protective equipment, data management and technology, or other necessary supplies;
    - Administrative costs to implement these activities
  - State and local health departments may provide subawards to nonprofit organizations that have demonstrated expertise in implementing public health programs and have established relationships in medically underserved areas.
  - **Funds will be provided to both states and local health departments**, the distribution method has not yet been established. Allocations for the Maryland Department of Health and county health departments are not yet available.
- \$10 billion for the Defense Production Act to procure essential PPE and other medical equipment

## **Health Equity -\$25.2 billion nationwide**

- \$7.6 billion for community health centers, Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alikes, and Native Hawaiian Health Centers
  - **This will provide funding to Maryland Community Health Centers**, no CHC level allocations are available at this time. This would be the second round of CHC funding after CARES Act.
- \$1 billion for emergency assistance for children, families, and workers through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program
  - **A portion of this funding would be distributed to the Maryland Department of Human Services** to support low-income families.
- \$250 million for nursing home strike teams to manage COVID-19 outbreaks and another \$200 million for infection control in nursing homes
  - **A portion of these funds would be distributed to the Maryland Department of Health**, a state level allocation is not available at this time.
- \$188 million to protect the elderly and fight elder abuse
- \$150 million for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program
- \$50 million for the Title X Family Planning Program
- Allowing states to provide Medicaid coverage for one year postpartum to address the maternal health crisis disproportionately affecting communities of color
- Increased federal support through Medicaid for home- and community-based services

## Behavioral Health - \$4 billion nationwide

- \$3 billion for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Community Mental Health Block Grants
  - **A portion of this funding will be distributed to the Maryland Department of Health**, a state level allocation is not available at this time.
- \$420 million for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
  - **This funding would go directly to Maryland CCBHCs**, no CCBHC level allocation is not available at this time.
- \$140 million to develop a program to support providers' mental health and decrease burnout of providers and public safety officers
  - The Secretary of Health and Human Services has discretion to competitively award these funds to health professions schools, academic health centers, State and local governments, nonprofit organizations, or Tribal governments.
- \$80 million to the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program to train behavioral health paraprofessionals, such as peer support specialists
- \$80 million in new grants for community-based and behavioral health organizations
- \$20 million to support youth mental health and suicide prevention
- \$10 million for the National Childhood Traumatic Stress Network

## Expanding Health Coverage During the Pandemic and Beyond

- The American Rescue Plan lowers or eliminates health insurance premiums for millions of Americans who buy insurance through the marketplaces through increased tax credits, reducing premiums by potentially thousands of dollars each year.
  - It provides incentives for states to expand Medicaid by increasing federal supports, which could provide health insurance coverage to nearly 4 million Americans, including 640,000 frontline or essential workers, if expanded nationwide.
  - It subsidizes 100% of premiums for COBRA continuation coverage to help people who experienced job loss maintain their health coverage.
  - The bill provides \$8.5 billion in provider relief to help struggling rural health care providers and ensure access to care in rural areas.
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# HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR RENTERS, HOMEOWNERS, AND THE HOMELESS

## Emergency Rental Assistance

The American Rescue Plan provides a second round of Emergency Rental Assistance funding. **The bill makes available \$21.55 billion** to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. States and eligible local governments will use the funds to provide assistance to eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs. The Secretary will retain \$2.5 billion to distribute to high need grantees under a formula to be developed by the Secretary at a later date.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (MDHCD) and local governments with populations of more than 200,000 (representing Montgomery, Prince George's, Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Howard, Frederick, and Harford counties) will be able to apply directly to the Department of the Treasury for this funding as they did under the December COVID-19 Relief bill.

**Maryland will receive \$318 million overall under this fund**, a MDHCD level and county level allocations are not yet available. **Combined with the December COVID-19 Relief Package, this will provide Maryland with \$719.757 million in Emergency Rental Assistance funding.**

## Homeowner Assistance Fund

**For the first time, \$9.9 billion is available to assist homeowners** to meet their mortgage payments, facilitate interest rate reductions, utility bills, and other housing costs. Funding will be provided to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to distribute. Assistance is limited to the principal residence of a mortgage borrower. Mortgages cannot exceed conforming loan limits for single family to four family residences. Funding will be distributed by Treasury to States within 60 days.

A Maryland allocation is not available at this time. The Secretary of Housing has the option to use three different formulas to distribute funding, **Maryland may receive between \$180 million to \$313 million** but a final allocation has not yet been determined.

### **Additional Housing Assistance Programs**

- \$5 billion for emergency housing vouchers to help renters with the greatest needs secure housing. This will provide assistance to homeless individuals, at risk of becoming homeless, recently homeless, or individuals fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking situations.
    - **Maryland public housing agencies will receive funding under this formula** but a public housing agency level allocation is not available at this time.
  - \$5 billion to secure safe, socially distant housing and supportive services for people experiencing homelessness.
    - **Funds will be distributed to organizations that received Supportive Housing Program grants in Fiscal Year 2021**, this can include state and local government housing organizations, nonprofit organizations, and community mental health organizations. A Maryland share is not available at this time.
  - \$100 million for housing counseling.
    - This funding will be distributed to a range of groups, including nonprofit organizations and State housing finance agencies.
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# TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT

## Transit Emergency Relief

Nationally, the American Rescue Plan **provides \$26 billion nationally to provide operating assistance to state and local transit systems.** This funding will ensure both urban and rural transit agencies receive amounts based on their operating expenses.

These funds will be distributed by the U.S. Department of Transportation on a formula basis, **with the Baltimore region receiving an estimated \$353 million, and the Washington D.C. region receiving an estimated total of \$1.4 billion** split between Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia under the Urbanized Area and State of Good Repair formulas. **A vast majority of the Washington D.C. funds will be used to support Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).** In addition to the Baltimore and Washington, DC area, transit funding will be provided to systems operating in Aberdeen/Bel Air, Cumberland, Frederick, Hagerstown, Salisbury, Waldorf, and Westminster/Eldersburg.

In Maryland, **these funds will be provided to the Maryland Department of Transportation's Maryland Transit Administration, for distribution to eligible entities.** Local governments, especially those with rural transit or senior and persons with disabilities transit programs, should coordinate with the MDOT MTA for further information. Transit system by transit system allocations are listed below.

- Aberdeen-Bel Air South-Bel Air North, MD - \$1,019,598
- Baltimore, MD - \$353,654,436
- Cumberland, MD-WV-PA - \$441,234
- Frederick, MD - \$1,442,154
- Hagerstown, MD-WV-PA - \$1,135,687
- Salisbury, MD-DE - \$1,471,278
- Waldorf, MD - \$1,275,012
- Washington, DC-VA-MD - \$1,406,707,926
- Westminster-Eldersburg, MD - \$408,639
- Rural Transit Systems (Sec. 5311 grants) - \$4,628,191

## Capital Investment Grants

The American Rescue Plan provides \$1.425 billion to provide additional support for Capital Investment Grant projects already under construction, **including Maryland's Purple Line Light Rail Project** in Montgomery County and Prince George's County. Funds may be used to accelerate projects that have been delayed as a result of COVID-19.

**In Maryland, this will provide \$106 million** to the Maryland Department of Transportation to support construction on the 16.2-mile light rail system that will connect three Metrorail lines in Montgomery County to Prince George's County.

## Relief for Airports

The American Rescue Plan provides **\$8 billion for a Relief for Airports program** that will assist large and small airports in addressing financial challenges as a result of COVID-19. Funds may be used by airports for operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combatting the spread of pathogens at the airport, and debt service payments. The Relief for Airports program was designed to distribute aid in a way that would help small airport concessionaires, many of which are disadvantaged business owners.

**In Maryland, this will provide approximately \$97 million** in assistance for Maryland airports, an airport-by-airport allocation is listed below.

- Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport - \$94,906,280
  - Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Regional Airport - \$1,405,618
  - Hagerstown Regional Airport - Richard A Henson Field - \$1,168,383
  - Martin State Airport - \$148,000
  - Easton Airport/Newnam Field - \$148,000
  - Frederick Municipal Airport - \$59,000
  - Tipton Airport - \$59,000
  - Montgomery County Airpark - \$59,000
  - St. Mary's County Regional Airport - \$59,000
  - Carroll County Regional Airport/Jack B. Poage Field - \$59,000
  - Cambridge-Dorchester Regional Airport - \$32,000
  - College Park Airport - \$32,000
  - Greater Cumberland Regional Airport - \$32,000
  - Garrett County Airport - \$32,000
  - Ocean City Municipal Airport - \$32,000
  - Bay Bridge Airport - \$32,000
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# BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY SUPPORT

## Emergency Connectivity Fund

The American Rescue Plan Act invests **\$7.12 billion for the Federal Communications Commission's Emergency Connectivity Fund**. This will help schools and libraries ensure that our nation's school children and library patrons can fully participate in remote learning. The Emergency Connectivity Funds would allow school systems and libraries to purchase educational technology, such as laptops or tablets, and internet connection devices, such as Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, and routers, for the use by low-income students and library patrons to utilize at home rather than in a school based or library based setting. The FCC will reimburse 100 percent of the cost to purchase qualified equipment. The FCC has 60 days from the enactment date to issue regulations to establish the program.

A Maryland or county allocation will not be available as **school systems and libraries will apply directly to the FCC for reimbursement**.

## Flexible Funding for Broadband Infrastructure

The American Rescue Plan provides \$360 billion in federal funding for state and local governments under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. In order to meet community demand for broadband internet infrastructure, **states, counties, and municipalities are eligible to use a portion of their funding to "make necessary improvements in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure."**

In addition, the State of Maryland will receive \$169 million under the newly established \$10 billion Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund. This will allow provide the State with flexibility to carry out capital projects across the state that will "enable work, education, and health monitoring, including telehealth, in response to COVID-19" that may include broadband infrastructure projects.

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## EDUCATION FUNDING

### Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)

Nationally, this \$122.774 billion program will provide funding to States and school districts to help schools respond to coronavirus, including new allowable uses of funds for: school facilities repairs and improvements, including heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems projects to improve indoor air quality in school facilities, and addressing learning loss among students, including low-income students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care. The Senate included new set asides to require state education agencies to pay for afterschool programs, summer enrichment programs, and programs on the state and local level to address learning loss.

In Maryland, the ESSERF will provide **\$2.005 billion in total funding for K-12 schools. \$1.756 billion will be distributed on a formula basis to each of our 24 local school systems. \$287.651 million will be provided to the Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) for statewide activities and administration of funding. A total of \$54 million is available for supplemental appropriations for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funding.** Combined with the CARES and December COVID-19 Relief Bill, this provides a total of \$2.885 billion for Maryland's school systems. Additional funding will likely come to Maryland under an \$800 million reservation for the Secretary of Education to provide assistance and wrap-around services to homeless students. School district-level allocations are not available at this time.

## **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)**

The Omnibus provides \$40 billion to meet the emergency needs of students and colleges to respond to COVID-19, including the replacement of lost revenue, reimbursements previously issued to students, transition to online learning, payroll, and financial aid for students to cover emergency costs such as food, housing, health care and child care expenses. 92 percent of funds will be distributed to provide assistance to all 4 year and 2 year schools, 8 percent of funds (\$3.166 billion) will be used to provide a set aside of funds to meet the unique needs of Maryland Historically Black Colleges and Universities and colleges that serve high percentages of Pell Grant-eligible students.

For county governments, this will continue to provide additional resources for local community colleges and help to alleviate future budget requests from the colleges. This funding will be distributed to colleges within 30 days by January 27, 2021.

**In Maryland, this will provide a total of \$549.452 million** to our community colleges, public and private, non-profit four-year institutions, and for-profit institutions. Individual college level allocations are not available at this time.

## **Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS)**

The legislation provides \$2.75 billion for the Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS), a flexible program that provides services to support low-income students enrolled in private schools. The Senate's changes will ensure that EANS funds will be distributed to support students enrolled in non-public schools that enroll a significantly high percentage of low-income students and are most impacted by COVID-19.

**In Maryland, the State will receive \$49 million to distribute to non-public schools across the state.**

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# CHILD CARE PAYMENT SUPPORT AND PROVIDER RELIEF

## Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Funding

The American Rescue Plan provides \$15 billion in supplemental funding for the Child Care Development Block Grant program. The grants will be used to supplement existing CCDBG and state funding to lower the cost to families to obtain high-quality child care services, including expanding eligibility for child care assistance to essential workers regardless of their income.

**In Maryland, this will provide a total of \$194 million that will be distributed to low-income parents across the state** by the Maryland State Department of Education. A county by county level allocation will not be available, the child care providers are chosen at the discretion of MSDE.

## Child Care Stabilization Funds

The bill provides \$24 billion in supplemental funding for a Child Care Stabilization Fund. The grants under the American Rescue Plan are designed to provide immediate relief to child care providers who and are currently in operation or have been temporarily closed due to the pandemic. Providers will have flexibility in their use of funds, including personnel costs; sanitization and cleaning; personal protective equipment, fixed costs, rent, utilities, and other child care related services. This emergency relief will allow child care providers to remain open or reopen and assist essential workers and families who are in great need of this critical service. Nationally, this is estimated to support approximately 449,000 child care providers who serve a total of 7.3 million children.

**In Maryland, this will provide a total of \$310 million that will be distributed to child care providers across the state** by the Maryland State Department of Education. A county by county level allocation will not be available, the child care providers are chosen at the discretion of MSDE.

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# UTILITY ASSISTANCE

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The American Rescue Plan includes **\$4.5 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**, and **\$500 million for low-income water assistance**. One of the first bills that low-income individuals stop paying when under financial hardship are utility bills. During the COVID-19 pandemic, and especially this winter, non-payment rates have skyrocketed for electricity, heating, and water utilities, posing a mounting risk of utility shutoffs in the middle of the winter, during a pandemic. Funding for LIHEAP and water utility bill assistance will provide vital support to help low income families meet their utility expenses.

**In Maryland, this will provide a total of \$166 million that will be distributed to qualified low-income residents across the state** by the Maryland Department of Human Services. A county by county level allocation will not be available, the funds will be awarded to eligible recipients by the Maryland Department of Human Services' Office of Home Energy Programs.

## Other utility payment supports

In addition to additional funding for the LIHEAP program, other programs within the American Rescue Plan are eligible to meet struggling family utility needs. **State and local governments may elect to use a portion of their Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocations to provide utility payment support for constituents**. In addition, **utility payments are an allowable use of funds under both the Emergency Rental Assistance program and the Homeowner Assistance Fund** to support renters and homeowners.

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# DIRECT CONSTITUENT RELIEF

## Economic Impact Payments

The legislation provides an additional **Economic Impact Payment of \$1,400 for qualified taxpayers**. The provision provides a refundable tax credit in the amount of \$1,400 per eligible family member. The payment is \$1,400 per taxpayer (\$2,800 for married filing jointly), in addition to \$1,400 per qualifying child. The payment phases out starting at \$75,000 of modified adjusted gross income for individuals (\$112,500 for heads of household and \$150,000 for married filing jointly). Individuals with AGIs over \$80,000, heads of household over \$120,000, and married filing jointly over \$160,000 will not receive any payment.

Constituents should visit <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-mypayment> to check on the status of their payment. The Internal Revenue Service will work to quickly disperse payments to individuals through direct deposit based on their most recently filed tax returns. **In Maryland, this is estimated to provide 2.5 million households with nearly \$6.256 billion in additional stimulus funding.**

## Unemployment Insurance Extension

**The American Rescue Plan extends emergency unemployment insurance programs through September 6, 2021**, including the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program for self-employed workers, gig workers, and others in non-traditional employment and the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program for workers who have exhausted their state benefits. **It also extends the length of time individuals can receive PUA and PEUC benefits by an additional 25 weeks.** **The bill provides \$300 per week in federal supplemental unemployment benefits through September 6, 2021.** Lastly, the legislation **prevents surprise tax bills for many workers** who received unemployment compensation in 2020 **by making the first \$10,200 of unemployment benefits non-taxable for certain taxpayers.**

**In Maryland, these extensions will prevent an estimated 158,737 workers from losing access to benefits.**

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